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TRAFFIC FATALITY #23

Case: 09-1131790

Date: Thursday, April 23, 2009

Time: 5:55 p.m.

Location: 6000 block of North IH 35

Deceased: Raven Mayz, black female, (D. O. B. 03-07-1994)

Narrative:

On Thursday, April 23, 2009, Austin Police Officers responded to a traffic fatality crash in the 6000 block of North IH 35.

A preliminary investigation shows that a gray GMC Jimmy was traveling southbound on north IH 35. As the GMC approached congested traffic in the 6000 block of north IH 35 southbound, the driver made a faulty evasive maneuver to the next lane in order to avoid the traffic. A sudden series of quick lane changes caused the GMC driver to lose control and enter the lane of a white Freightliner 18-wheeler that was also traveling southbound on IH 35. The GMC struck the 18-wheeler and rolled over.

There were five teenage occupants inside the GMC. Raven Mayz was one of the three passengers in the backseat. None of the three were wearing seatbelts. When the GMC rolled, Mayz was partially ejected. She was transported to Brackenridge Hospital where she was pronounced deceased.

APD would like to remind citizens of the importance of wearing their seatbelts. Between 1994 and 2006, the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) showed that traffic fatalities decreased by 60% when seatbelt use increased.



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Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call APD Vehicular Homicide Unit Detectives at 512-974-8212. This case remains under investigation by APD Vehicular Homicide detectives. This is the 23rd traffic fatality of 2009.

Media Advisory: APD PIO will be available for interview at 10:30 a.m. today. Please call APD PIO if you plan to attend.

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